

# Welcome Packet



Jacksonville, Florida

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# United States Army Recruiter Code Of Ethics



I am responsible for representing the United States Army in an important position during this period of the Army's history. My neglect or delay in fulfilling this responsibility could place in danger the American way of life, and the sacred course of human freedom.

I will encourage to enlist in the United States Army those young men and women who are morally, mentally, physically, and administratively qualified - young people who will serve with honor and distinction and with whom I would be proud to serve in peace as well as in war.

I will always maintain the highest standards of military and moral conduct in the performance of my duties while conducting recruiting operations throughout the United States, its territories, and overseas. I will leave no questions as to the correctness of my ethical standards or moral purpose, and I will always demonstrate an unshakable sense of integrity.

I dedicate myself to the support of my Army and my country. And when I have fulfilled my responsibilities, and discharged my duties, I will have strengthened the United States, its Army and this code by which I represent them both. I am the Army in my community.

# **JACKSONVILLE ARMY RECRUITING BATTALION**

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Office of the Commander

Soldier and Family Members:

Welcome to the Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion. Our mission is to maintain our nation's strength through quality recruiting of America's men and women. I ask your support in maintaining this tradition of excellence. Your tour in recruiting will be demanding, challenging and rewarding. Upon your arrival, you will be introduced to the Battalion staff, both military and civilian. These personnel are here to assist you in any way possible as you transition into recruiting.

This handbook provides information regarding each company, supporting installations, and issues of importance to recruiting families, such as CHAMPUS and TRICARE. While it is not possible to answer every question in the handbook, we hope this handbook will answer many questions and concerns, and give you guidance on "where to turn".

I encourage you and your family to join and become involved in our Family Support Group. Your involvement and support is most welcome. We all gain from one another's experience.

Again, a hearty welcome to you and your family. If the Sergeant Major or any staff member, or I, can make your transition easier, please do not hesitate to call on us. Our toll-free number is 1-800-441-1324.

JONATHAN D. FLOWERS  
LTC, MI  
Commanding

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Welcome to the Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion! I'm excited about you joining our outstanding organization and look forward to your participation in our success

The Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion is comprised of five recruiting companies covering portions of three states for a total of 85 counties – 28 counties in north Florida, 54 counties in Georgia and 3 counties in South Carolina. We are responsible for Active Army and Army Reserve recruiting as far north as Beaufort, South Carolina, and south to Melbourne, Florida.

There are 27 recruiting stations and a Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in the battalion area. The MEPS is located in Jacksonville. Battalion Headquarters is located in Jacksonville as is the Jacksonville Company Headquarters. The four other companies are in Daytona Beach, Florida; Savannah, Georgia; Valdosta, Georgia and Gainesville, Florida.

Inside you will find material to orient you to battalion standards as well as your new community. I hope you find this material helpful. Please feel free to call on me at anytime. I look forward to helping you “be all you can be” in the great Jacksonville Battalion.

If you should need further assistance, I can be reached at my office, 1-800-441-1324.

GUILLERMO RAMOS-PIAZZA  
CSM, U.S. ARMY  
Battalion Sergeant Major

# History and Mission of Recruiting

RECRUITING IS AS OLD AS THE UNITED STATES ARMY



In 1775, inducing able-bodied men to enlist in the Continental Army to fight the War of Independence was a challenging and difficult task. Recruiting for the War of 1812 was not much easier. In a highly rural society, young farmers were reluctant to leave their land unworked while they were away fighting, not knowing when, or if, they would return. Recruiting was a process with few rules, no official program, and was usually improvised on the spot.

A dramatic change occurred in 1822 when the newly created General Recruiting Service opened the first three recruiting “rendezvous” in New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. In a professional and organized manner, these stations accomplished their mission of supplying recruits for frontier posts in Providence and Albany. It was not until the following year that the General Recruiting Service was expanded westward.

In 1872, recruiting was placed under the jurisdiction of the Adjutant General’s Office and remained there for the next 90 years. In 1945, the United States Army Recruiting Service became the responsibility of the newly formed Military Personnel Procurement Service of the Adjutant General’s Office. From that time, the recruiting function took on an increased importance in the Army structure.

In 1962, reorganization of the Army transferred recruiting, examining, induction, and processing responsibilities within the United States from the Adjutant General’s Office, Department of the Army, to the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command.

Still more changes in the recruiting service were to follow. A new command, the United States Army Recruiting Command (USAREC), was activated October 1, 1964, at Hampton, Virginia. In addition to the Army’s recruiting mission, USAREC became responsible for the examining, processing and induction tasks for all military services and the selective services.

The command responsibilities were further divided among subordinate headquarters within USAREC with boundaries coinciding with the major Army headquarters in the United States. Second Recruiting District merged with First District in 1965, with headquarters at Fort George G. Meade, MD.

Procurement of high quality manpower was to be a job for professionals, managed by other professionals. On July 1, 1966, USAREC was designated as a Class II activity, reporting directly to the Army's top manpower executive, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army.

Initially, USAREC's boundaries virtually paralleled those of the five field armies. However, new boundaries were defined in 1969 so that each district was roughly proportional in population, if not in area. In 1970, the Army committed to an all-volunteer force. This commitment placed every member of the command on the front line of the modern volunteer Army - professionals working to recruit America's finest.

In 1974, the recruiting districts were redesigned as recruiting commands. In 1992, USAREC moved its headquarters from Fort Sheridan, Illinois to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Just as Army recruiting has a proud history, it can look forward to an equally proud future

Today, USAREC is a big business, employing thousands of soldiers and civilians spread from the island of Guam in the Pacific, across 50 states to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Europe,



*"The opportunity that empowers the individual to succeed"*

# History of Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion



The U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Jacksonville traces its history to 1918 when it was in the Post Office building on west Monroe Street in downtown Jacksonville. Its first official designation was 1958 when it became the Jacksonville Recruiting Main Station (RMS). During this time, Jacksonville RMS recruited throughout the entire state of Florida and a portion of south Georgia. In 1974 its recruiting area changed and Jacksonville became known as the Jacksonville District Recruiting Command (DRC). The Miami DRC started operating and Jacksonville's area decreased to near Tallahassee on its western border and its southern border ran from south of Tampa eastward across the state to Melbourne. The Jacksonville DRC consisted of 6 Recruiting areas: Jacksonville, Waycross, Orlando, Live Oak, Tampa and St. Petersburg. Each recruiting area was commanded by a Master Sergeant. The Jacksonville DRC continued to recruit in a substantial part of South Georgia. In 1973, the headquarters moved from the Post Office Building to Carmichael Avenue in the Midtown Center suburban office park.

In 1982, the DRC became the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Jacksonville. The Battalion consisted of 5 companies, Jacksonville, Tampa, Valdosta, Orlando and St. Petersburg, each commanded by an Army Captain. In 1986, the Tampa Company became part of the Miami Battalion. In 1990, the Battalion Headquarters moved to 1851 Executive Center Drive where it is today. In 1991, USAREC formed the Tampa Battalion and Jacksonville Battalion was reorganized into four companies, Jacksonville, Valdosta, Savannah and Daytona. In October 1995, A fifth Company, Gainesville, was formed and today the Jacksonville Battalion spans 85 counties in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Throughout its proud history, the recruiters of the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Jacksonville have been successful in providing the quality young men and women for our Army.

# United States Army Recruiting Command

*(USAREC)*

*Fort Knox, Kentucky*

## *1st Brigade*

Fort Meade  
Albany  
Baltimore  
Beckley  
Harrisburg  
Mid-Atlantic  
New England  
New York City  
Pittsburgh  
Syracuse

## *3rd Brigade*

Fort Knox  
Chicago  
Cleveland  
Columbus  
Great Lakes  
Indianapolis  
Milwaukee  
Minneapolis

## *5th Brigade*

San Antonio  
Dallas  
Des Moines  
Houston  
Kansas City  
New Orleans  
Oklahoma City  
San Antonio  
St. Louis

## *6th Brigade*

Sausalito  
Denver  
Los Angeles  
Phoenix  
Portland  
Sacramento  
Salt Lake City  
Seattle  
Southern California

## *2nd Recruiting Brigade*

*Forest Park, Georgia*

Atlanta Columbia Jackson Jacksonville Miami Montgomery Nashville Raleigh Tampa

## *Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion by Company*

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Jacksonville	Daytona Beach	Gainesville	Savannah	Valdosta
Jacksonville North	Daytona Beach	Chiefland	Beaufort	Albany
Jacksonville South	DeLand	Gainesville	Brunswick	Thomasville
Jacksonville West	Eau Gallie	Lake City	Hinesville	Tallahassee North
Orange Park	Melbourne	Palatka	Savannah	Tallahassee South
Neptune Beach	Rockledge	Ocala	Statesboro	Valdosta
	St. Augustine		Waycross	Tifton

# Recruiting Symbolism



## THE RECRUITING PATCH

The recruiting shoulder patch that all United States Army Recruiting Command personnel now proudly wear dates back to the mid-1960s. On July 1, 1966, USAREC became an activity reporting directly to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army. The patch worn when USAREC was a part of the Continental Army Command was no longer appropriate. Recruiters felt that a new distinctive insignia should be designed for all soldiers assigned to USAREC. Guidelines were developed for designing a new patch. The new design was to continue the heraldic significance of the previous patch: red, white and blue to represent the nation; 13 stars to represent the original 13 states, and the Liberty Bell to symbolize the role of the Recruiting Command in preservation of liberty and defense of our country.



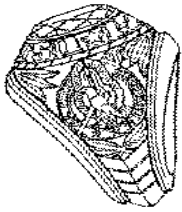
## THE UNIT CREST

The distinctive unit crest of the Recruiting Command consists of an upright tricolor scroll divided horizontally in red, white and blue, surmounted by a bronze Liberty Bell, which is placed between two vertical silver quills, shafts facing inward and points to base. A wreath of laurel and olives symbolizing victory and peace embraces the quills. Symbolically, the red, white and blue, our national colors, refer to the scope of the Command. The scroll simulates a muster roll. The quills indicate authority to command. The Liberty Bell, long associated with the recruiting program, with the Command's motto, "To Provide the Strength", alludes to the overall purpose of the mission - to provide manpower strength of the United States Army.



## THE RECRUITER BADGE

Military personnel assigned to the U.S. Army Recruiting Command and designated by the Commanding General, USAREC, may wear the U.S. Army Basic Recruiter Badge (silver). Normally the basic badge is awarded to recruiters upon graduation from the Army Recruiter Course. The Commanding General, USAREC, may authorize recruiters to wear the U.S. Army Gold Recruiter Badge if they are eligible and meet established criteria. Up to three achievement stars may be awarded to eligible recruiters who hold the Gold Recruited Badge. Achievement stars are affixed to the Badge. When so authorized by the Commanding General, USAREC, recruiters who honorably complete their tour of duty with USAREC may wear either badge as part of the permanent military uniform.



## THE RECRUITER RING

The Army Recruiter Ring is the second highest achievement award for recruiting excellence offered by the United States Army Recruiting Command. A recruiter who receives the recruiter ring can wear it for life. Recruiters treasure it as a symbol of sustained superior effort and achievement. To receive the ring, a recruiter must earn 1,200 points within 24 months and be recommended by the battalion commander for total performance as a recruiter. Made of yellow gold, the ring has a green stone inset symbolizing the Army. Around the stone is the inscription "U.S. Army-1775". The Liberty Bell, surround by 13 stars, is molded on the right side of the ring. A representation of the recruiter badge is on the left, and laurel leaves enhance the design.

## The Glen E. Morrell Award The Ultimate Achievement



The Glen E. Morrell Award is the ultimate achievement award offered by the United States Army Recruiting Command for recruiting excellence. The award was named after retired Sergeant Major of the Army Glen E. Morrell who served as the USAREC Command Sergeant Major from October 1981 to September 1982. Sergeant Major of the Army Morrell is a man who stands for professionalism, integrity and devotion to duty, all positive attributes required to achieve this award.

The award is a bronze medallion hung on a red, white, and blue ribbon. It is authorized for wear with the dress blue uniform when attending USAREC formal functions. The design of the medallion was a result of a USAREC-wide competition. The front is an adaptation of a design submitted by Sergeant First Class Timothy Clark of the Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion. The back is an adaptation of a design submitted by Sergeant First Class Palmer Miller of the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion.

The eagle on the front with the American flag in the background is symbolic of our freedom. The 13 stars represent the original 13 states. On the back are the Liberty Bell and the American flag, as well as the USAREC flag and Recruiter Ring, encircled by 50 stars representing the 50 states. Only recruiters who have distinguished themselves as experts by earning the coveted Recruiter Ring may compete for the Morrell Award. After receiving the ring, recruiters must earn a total of 2,400 points to become eligible to join the truly elite group of Morrell Award recipients.

# Before You Arrive

Although you may be given a station assignment prior to your arrival, do not sign any agreements for housing in advance. In some cases, incoming personnel assignments are changed due to unexpected personnel changes in the battalion. Do not make any plans to purchase or rent a home, or sign any other type of contract regarding your tentative assignment, until after you have in-processed the battalion or have confirmed your assignment with the Sergeant Major. If you sign any agreements in advance, it may be difficult or impossible for you to break the contract without financial penalty. The Army cannot reimburse you for any such penalty incurred, so do not put yourself in a potentially difficult situation. Soldiers may request up to 10 days Permissive TDY upon departure from their losing command or upon arrival at the battalion for the purpose of acquiring housing (approved by 05 or higher). If you have located housing prior to reporting in, you are not eligible for Permissive TDY. Due to your assignment not being near the Army installation that maintains your military records (Ft. Gillem, GA), there is a need for you to take certain steps at your current assignment to eliminate any unnecessary hardships upon your arrival.

## Career Care

### RECORDS CHECK

Ensure your personnel file is up to date. Update your emergency data card, your beneficiaries for SGLI, and ensure your points are accurate for future promotion consideration.

### DA PHOTO

If your photo is two or more years old, you should have a new one taken so it will be valid for your tour in recruiting. This will eliminate the time and inconvenience of getting to an Army installation to have it taken. Your promotion is important to us as well as you.

### MEDICAL

If your physical will need updating within a year, do it before leaving since you may not be near an Army installation. Any prescriptions you and your dependents may require should be refilled to cover its entirety or for six months, if possible. Have an annual dental check if you will need one within three months of arrival. You should also consider your dependents having an annual dental check and any other dental work completed prior to departing your installation since most dental care is space-available only.

### UNIFORMS

The majority of the time you are in Jacksonville Battalion, your uniform will be Class B with ribbons. Have two nametags and two sets of ribbons so that your Class A jacket is always ready. Normally, the Class A jacket is kept near you (in station, in GOV) for all occasions. The garrison cap is worn with the Class A and B uniforms. Dress Blues are required and will be worn on special occasions. In addition, you should get one set of BDUs with the subdued recruiting patch. The school will issue two pairs of AG 344 trousers, two short-sleeve and two long-sleeve shirts. You will receive \$200.00 (scheduled to increase to \$275.00) for purchase of dress blues (mandatory). Resolve uniform issues prior to arrival at the battalion since access to clothing sales facilities are limited.

### ID CARDS

If you have recently reenlisted or extended, you should update both you and your dependents' ID cards and ensure they are enrolled in CHAMPUS.

# Family Care

## MEDICAL

Take care of any medical examinations prior to leaving. Your family will be covered under TRICARE, but sometimes it will be difficult to find the necessary specialist that will accept CHAMPUS. Once you arrive at the battalion, the Health Benefits Advisor will brief you on TRICARE. **DON'T FORGET - MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE FAMILY IS REGISTERED ON DEERS.**

## DENTAL

It is recommended that you obtain dental insurance for dependents. The TRICARE Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan is available and the Government shares the expense.

## FINANCIAL

When you inprocess at the Battalion Headquarters, you will file your travel voucher. All requests for monies must be sent to Ft. McPherson for processing and the normal turnaround time is 3-6 weeks. Make sure you draw your advance pay, dislocation allowance, etc., before you leave your old duty station if you think you will need money to resettle here.

## Housing

Because of the diversity of the Battalion area, economy-housing prices for both purchase and rent vary greatly. Renting a house in Jacksonville cannot compare to renting a house in Lake City. However, throughout the state there are reasonably priced homes and rentals. Once you know your assignment location, ask your sponsor to provide you with a few newspapers that service the area so you can get an idea of prices. Additionally, housing offices at nearby military facilities can provide you with lists of recommended apartment complexes and real estate agents.

Government housing is available in some areas throughout the battalion. If you desire Government quarters, ensure you get on the housing list of the post that can serve your area as soon as possible. Your placement on the housing list is dependent upon your family size, pay grade, and date of last PCS. If you have any questions about quarters prior to your arrival, call the appropriate housing office.

# Quarters

Here is a breakdown of the installations that provide quarters and the station locations, which they normally support requiring a reasonable or acceptable commuting distance to the recruiting station.

RECRUITING STATION	INSTALLATION	PHONE	MILES
Albany, GA	USMC LOG BASE	(912) 439-5962	4 miles
Beaufort, SC	PARRIS ISLAND	(803) 525-2111	8 miles
Hinesville, GA	FT. STEWART	(912) 767-3182	5 miles
Melbourne, FL	PATRICK AFB	(407) 494-7018	30 miles
Rockledge, FL	PATRICK AFB	(407) 494-7018	30 miles
Savannah, GA	HUNTER AAF	(912) 352-5134	10 miles

## Bachelor-Leased Housing

Bachelor Leased Housing is also available in certain circumstances. Bonafide unaccompanied soldiers (E6 and below) are eligible for leased quarters. This is not the same as BEQ/Barracks rooms, which may also be available on a case by case basis from supporting installations. Applications for Bachelor Leased Housing will not be accepted for new leases from soldiers who have been selected for promotion to E7 within one year and have been assigned a sequence number. For additional information contact the Battalion TCCO.

# Mortgage Rates

The chart below gives you information on mortgage rates, utilities, and apartment rentals. Apartment rentals and utility deposits will vary depending on the area in which you are assigned.

Find your approximate loan amount, read across to your applicable interest rate - this is your approximate monthly payment, amortized. **NOTE:** You must also add property taxes, home insurance costs, and homeowners' association fees, if any, to these figures for a complete, realistic monthly obligation. This could vary from \$100 to \$200 each month.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS BASED ON A 30-YEAR FIXED-RATE MORTGAGE						
AMOUNT	6.50%	7.00%	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%	9.00%
60,000	379	399	420	440	461	483
70,000	442	466	489	514	538	563
80,000	506	532	559	587	615	644
90,000	569	599	629	660	692	724
100,000	632	665	699	734	769	805
110,000	695	732	769	807	846	885

## UTILITIES

**Electricity:** Deposits range from \$75 to \$125 depending on the area.

**Water:** Deposits range from \$75 to \$125 depending on the area.

**Gas:** \$15 establishment fee on your first bill.

**Telephone:** \$75 deposit unless you have had a phone in the states in the last six months, then your deposit is based on your credit check.

**Cable TV:** Deposit and installation vary by areas.

## APARTMENT RENTALS

**Security Deposits:** \$150 to \$400 for deposits and can include first and last month's rent.

# Upon Arrival

## REPORTING IN PROCEDURES

Your leave ends when you sign into the Battalion Headquarters, not when you report to your company. Everyone **must** have his or her original DA Form 31 in hand when reporting in. **ALL SOLDIERS MUST BE IN DUTY UNIFORM (CLASS B) AND REPORT TO BATTALION HEADQUARTERS AT 0830.** The duty hours for battalion headquarters are 0730-1730, Monday through Friday. In processing will be between 0830-1500. All inprocessing will be done at Battalion Headquarters, 1851 Executive Center Drive, Suite 130, Jacksonville, FL. The headquarters is in the Midtown Centre office complex between Art Museum Drive and Beach Boulevard. It is in the Ribault Building. Soldier's 201 file and all documents for Finance will be forwarded to Ft. Gillem for processing. Soldiers can expect a 2-3 week wait before receiving their finance/travel entitlement. Do not expect to receive any monies when you inprocess at Battalion Headquarters. Single soldiers (drawing BAQ w/o dependents) are authorized to obtain Government leased bachelor quarters. This option is available if the soldier can find an apartment complex that will accept a "Government lease". The lease will cover rent (furnished or unfurnished) and utilities (except phone). Upon acceptance of the lease, the soldier will forfeit their BAQ.

**DO NOT SIGN A LEASE BEFORE YOU HAVE CHECKED WITH THE FACILITIES MANAGER.** You are entitled to up to 2 days maximum of 10 days permissive TDY to look for housing (may be authorized upon arrival). Additionally, TLE is authorized for 10 days after signing in to the Battalion.

When you process through Supply, you will sign the statement reading that you have all your initial issue. You will also receive your unit crests and patches. The Motor Sergeant will review your DA Form 348; check for a valid state driver's license and give you the standard safety briefing.

The Health Benefits Advisor will brief you on CHAMPUS and medical care for you and your dependents. You will receive CHAMPUS booklets and necessary paperwork to file a CHAMPUS claim.

Meeting the Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major will be the final thing you do before you leave Battalion Headquarters.

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT INPROCESSING

- a. 201 file.
- b. Copies of all PCS orders and amendments.
- c. Pro pay orders. (Special Duty Assignment pay)
- d. MOS Orders.
- e. Copy of lease (if applicable).
- f. Diploma from the ARC (Army Recruiting Course).
- g. Copy of last NCOER.
- n. PT card.
- o. AMEX Card

- h. DA Form 348, Equipment Operator's Qualification Record.
- i. State Driver's License.
- j. All travel documents required for filing travel pay (i.e., hotel receipts).
- k. Original DA Form 31, Request and Authority for Leave.
- l. Reenlistment card.
- m. Termination orders for government quarters.

## INPROCESSING

Upon your arrival at the Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion, report to the Battalion Administrative Section, S-1. Your sponsor should have contacted you and should assist with your inprocessing. He or she will help you settle in, show you around your new community, and introduce you to your recruiting team. If you're coming from overseas, you most likely have contacted us or we, in turn, have made contact with you directly or through your sponsor and have provided you an indication of where your assignment will be. Likewise, if you received your assignment to the Jacksonville Battalion after completing the recruiter course, you've probably been given a pinpoint assignment when you placed your first call to the battalion to let us know you were coming. If you surprise us by arriving unexpectedly, the Battalion Adjutant will give you an assignment.

We'll sign you into the battalion and ask you if you want to start or make any changes to current allotments. We'll ensure you are signed up for Direct Deposit, we'll ask if you have any family members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), and if you do, we'll ensure your situation is addressed. If you are married to another service member or are a sole parent, we'll ask to see a family care plan or help you initiate one. We'll amend any orders that require it, and we'll help you complete your travel claim. You may be required to inprocess at Brigade Headquarters at Fort Gillem. This is determined case by case. If necessary, arrangements for TDY will be made through the Personnel Office. After all this is completed, we will give you a tour of the battalion area, and introduce you to key battalion staff.

Your spouse is encouraged to accompany you during inprocessing and will find it helpful to meet with the Battalion Family Services Coordinator.

## NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

Within the first 60 days of your assignment to the battalion, you will return to Battalion Headquarters to receive a "Newcomer's Orientation". At this orientation, you will receive a one-on-one briefing by the Battalion Commander, Sergeant Major, and each staff section. You will receive a briefing by the **Budget Section** addressing issues such as Recruiter Expense Allowance and TDY travel. **The Operations Section** will discuss how they provide support to the field and how the mission process works. **The Advertising and Public Affairs Section** will discuss how they provide promotion and awareness to advertise Army opportunities and the procedures for funding get-togethers known as DEP functions to new Army members. **The Education Specialist** will discuss the Battalion School Plan that addresses the promotion of the Army in high schools and colleges, and your ability to continue your education.

**The S-1** will redress any problems that may have surfaced since you first arrived. In addition, now that you have hopefully located permanent quarters, you will be required to review your SGLI form and DD Form 93 (Record of Emergency Data) for completeness. The Battalion **Senior Trainer (RT)** will discuss the battalion training program for new recruiters and your professional development. The **Supply Sergeant (S4)** and **Truckmaster** will also discuss with you various issues from how to order supplies and responsibilities in maintaining your Government vehicle (GOV). The **Health Benefits Advisor** will discuss topics such as CHAMPUS and TRICARE Active Duty Family Member Health/Dental Care. You will also receive a briefing and tour of the **Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS)** located at 4615 Philips Highway, Jacksonville.

This should give you an idea of what to expect during your orientation visit. It is our hope that through the Newcomer's Orientation Program you will become aware of all the things the battalion can do to support you in the field and to make your recruiting mission a little easier. It also gives you a chance to question the staff on any issues you may have.

Your spouse is invited and encouraged to attend the newcomer's orientation with you. He or she may have their own concerns and questions, which we will be more than happy to address. If your spouse does attend, he or she will also receive a briefing by the Battalion's Family Support Coordinator. This is an opportunity for your spouse to get involved early and learn how the battalion's family support network can assist in various family situations.

### **SPECIAL PAY**

Special Duty Assignment Pay (SDAP) is authorized for all enlisted personnel performing recruiting duties in the amount of \$375. SDAP will be initiated once you complete the Recruiter Course at Fort Jackson and sign into the battalion present for duty. SDAP will be further discussed during your initial inprocessing with the Battalion S-1.

### **RECRUITER ALLOWANCE**

Recruiter Expense Allowance (REA) is a program to reimburse recruiters for incidental out-of-pocket expenses incurred through interaction with Army applicants and their family members. A maximum of \$75.00 per recruiter, per month in reimbursement is authorized. There are many "do's and don't's" which will be discussed by the Budget Section during your Newcomer Orientation.

## **Miscellaneous Information**

### **RED CROSS**

The American Red Cross provides assistance in emergency situations. Service is provided for soldiers as well as family members. Some of the services provided include: emergency communications to service members and their families worldwide, counseling services, emergency financial assistance, various community services, and emergency leave verification. The Red Cross can also act as a single point of contact for other volunteer programs in the area, for those in need of assistance, or wishing to get involved in their communities.

# Family Checklist

The checklist is designed to provide you with a means in which to quickly inventory your family's state of preparedness. With this checklist, you may discover other areas in which your legal office may assist. Keep the checklist current and handy for ready reference in case any member of your family needs to find something important quickly. It is important that you have certain documents and family records. Should an emergency arise, you may need some or all of these documents. Some may be used often! Gather these documents and put them in a safe place so both you and your spouse know where they are. Use the checklist to identify the documents or information you need to have in your possession.

## Important Documents

## Location

- ☐ Marriage Certificate
- ☐ Birth Certificates
- ☐ Shot Records of All Members
- ☐ Citizenship Papers, if required
- ☐ Adoption Papers, if required
- ☐ ID Cards (For all family members over 10 years of age)
- ☐ Insurance Policies (Life, Auto, etc.)
- ☐ Last Leave and Earnings Statement
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ Copy of your Will (Both)
- ☐ Bankbooks, Checkbooks
- ☐ Tax Records
- ☐ Payment books (Loan, Mortgages)
- ☐ Car Registration and Title
- ☐ Home Deed and/or Mortgage
- ☐ Spare Car Keys

## State Tourism Bureau Information

Chambers of Commerce are an excellent source of information about new communities. Not only do they “sell the cities” and area attractions, but they are an invaluable source of information for job hunters. Many chambers provide “Welcome” packages free to new and prospective members of the community!

ALABAMA	1-205-261-5364	NEBRASKA	1-800-228-4307
ALASKA	1-907-465-2010	NEVADA	1-800-228-4307
ARIZONA	1-602-254-6500	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1-603-272-2666
ARKANSAS	1-800-643-8383	NEW JERSEY	1-800-537-7397
		NEW MEXICO	1-800-545-2040
CALIFORNIA	1-800-862-2543	NEW YORK	1-800-225-5697
COLORADO	1-800-433-2656	NEW YORK CITY	1-212-397-8222
		NORTH DAKOTA	1-800-437-2077
DELAWARE	1-800-441-8846		
D.C.	1-202-789-7000	OHIO	1-800-282-5393
		OKLAHOMA	1-800-652-6552
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>1-904-487-1462</b>	OREGON	1-800-547-7842
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>1-404-646-2844</b>	PENNSYLVANIA	1-800-847-4872
HAWAII	1-808-923-1811	RHODE ISLAND	1-800-556-2484
IDAHO	1-800-635-7826	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>1-800-346-3634</b>
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IOWA	1-800-345-4692	TEXAS	1-800-888-8839
KANSAS	1-800-252-6727	UTAH	1-801-538-1030
KENTUCKY	1-800-225-8747		
		VERMONT	1-802-223-3443
LOUISIANA	1-504-342-8119	VIRGINIA	1-800-847-4882
MAINE	1-800-533-9595	WASHINGTON	1-800-544-1800
MARYLAND	1-800-543-1036	WEST VIRGINIA	1-800-225-5982
MASSACHUSETTS	1-800-477-6277	WISCONSIN	1-800-431-8747
MICHIGAN	1-800-543-2937	WYOMING	1-800-262-3425
MINNESOTA	1-800-328-1461		
MISSISSIPPI	1-800-647-2290		
MISSOURI	1-800-877-1234		
MONTANA	1-800-541-1447		

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# Jacksonville Recruiting Company



JACKSONVILLE IS THE COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL, AND CULTURAL HEART OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA. JACKSONVILLE IS THE HOME OF THE NFL'S NEWEST FRANCHISE - THE JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS. SPANNING BOTH BANKS OF THE BROAD ST. JOHNS RIVER, THE CITY OFFERS A MILD CLIMATE, MILES OF FINE BEACHES AND ALMOST UNLIMITED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THE CITY IS SPREAD OUT OVER AN AREA OF 840 SQUARE MILES, MAKING THIS THE LARGEST CITY IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, AND SECOND IN SIZE ONLY TO JUNEAU, ALASKA, AMONG AMERICAN CITIES. THE AREA'S CLIMATE IS CHARACTERIZED BY SHORT, MILD WINTERS (IT DROPS BELOW FREEZING OCCASIONALLY), AND LONG WARM SUMMERS. THE AVERAGE YEAR-ROUND TEMPERATURE IS A PLEASANT 67.8 DEGREES, AND AVERAGES FROM 54.7 DEGREES IN DECEMBER TO 80.2 IN JULY. RAINFALL AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 51 INCHES PER YEAR, WITH MOST OF IT COMING DURING WARM SUMMER AFTERNOONS. THERE IS PLENTY GOING ON YEAR LONG IN JACKSONVILLE. SKIM THE SURFACE OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER IN A SAILBOAT OR CHEER YOURSELF HOARSE AT A JAGUARS GAME. THRILL TO THE MAJESTY OF A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; THE PERFECTION OF AN OLD MASTER PAINTING OR DELICATE HUES OF A SUNRISE OVER THE ATLANTIC; REGISTER FOR A CHALLENGING COLLEGE COURSE; GROW MAGNIFICENT FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES IN EVERY SEASON; CONQUER CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES OR TWO RIVER BRIDGES IN A RUN. JACKSONVILLE OFFERS ALL THIS-AND MORE.

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# Jacksonville Area Attractions

JACKSONVILLE HAS PLENTY GOING ON ALL YEAR LONG. JACKSONVILLE IS CELEBRATING ITS NEW NFL TEAM, THE JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS, AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE GREATEST FOOTBALL STADIUM IN THE NFL. THIS CITY IS A FOOTBALL CITY AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE PACKED STADIUM AT EVERY JAGUAR HOME GAME.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND SPORTS ARE ALWAYS IN SEASON HERE. COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL TEAMS PLAY AT THE VAST, MODERN SPORTS COMPLEX SURROUNDING ALLTEL STADIUM EAST OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE NEW STADIUM HOSTS NOT ONLY THE JAGUARS, BUT ALSO THE NATIONAL TELEVISED HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLASSIC, THE GATOR BOWL, AND THE TRADITIONAL FLORIDA-GEORGIA FOOTBALL CLASH.

**JACKSONVILLE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY** ON THE SOUTHBANK OFFERS EXHIBITS INCLUDING FLORIDA HISTORY AND WILDLIFE; IT ALSO FEATURES CLASSES, HANDS-ON-TOURS FOR CHILDREN, AND ALEXANDER BREST PLANETARIUM AND SCIENCE THEATER. A NEW SCIENCE AND SPACE THEATER IS ONE OF ONLY 30 SIMILAR FACILITIES IN THE NATION.

**JACKSONVILLE ZOO**, LOCATED ON THE NORTHSIDE JUST OFF INTERSTATE 95, IS HOME FOR MORE THAN 200 SPECIES OF ANIMAL LIFE AND ONE OF THE SOUTH'S BEST COLLECTIONS OF RARE WATERFOWL. MANY AFRICAN SPECIES ROAM OUTSIDE CAGES AND MAY BE VIEWED SAFELY FROM THE ELEVATED OBSERVATION DECK.

## January

Gator Bowl Football Classic

## March

River Day/ River Run

Tournament Players Championship

## April

Women's Tennis Championships

Country Music Festival

## May

River City Balloon Race

The Mug Race

Splash and Dash

Spring Music Festival

Fernandina Beach Shrimp Festival

## July

July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

## October

Agricultural Fair

Jacksonville Jazz Festival

## November

Florida/Georgia Football Game

# Daytona Recruiting Company

Daytona Company has six recruiting stations located in four counties. The area is a year-round Mecca for visitors to the “Most Famous Beach in the World”. Daytona Beach has 23 miles of smooth, packed white sand beaches, which allow you to swim, sun, play and drive your car on throughout the year. The Daytona 500 Auto Race and Bike Week, both in the spring, bring thousands of visitors to the area. Daytona is conveniently located near attractions such as St. Augustine, America’s oldest city, Orlando’s Walt Disney World, and the Kennedy Space Center. All are within a day’s drive by major interstate. Daytona’s average yearly temperature is 79.7 degrees, while the average water temperature for the area is 70.2 degrees.



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# Daytona Area Attractions

**Daytona Beach** is a beautiful beach. This resort area is popular year-round and attracts a large contingent of northerners during the college "Spring Break".

**St. Augustine** is America's oldest city. Horse-drawn carriages, a wax museum and old fort is but a few of the attractions of this quaint city.

**Kennedy Space Center** has tours available daily. Visitors may enter the John F. Kennedy Space Center from US 1 just two miles south of Titusville. The city's many modern hotel accommodations provide a front-row seat for space shuttle launches and local restaurants offer a wide range of international cuisine.

**Cocoa Beach** and her sister city of Cape Canaveral share the Space Coast's center stage. Connected by Highway A1A, Cocoa Beach and Cape Canaveral offer an endless array of the East Coast's finest seafood restaurants, lounges, ocean front condominiums and rental properties, and miles of white sandy beaches.

**Cape Canaveral's** port hosts not only a Coast Guard cutter unit and a variety of military and international ships, but also serves as a departure point for several pleasure cruises which venture to the Bahamas. Deep-sea fishing or moonlight shrimping charter boats leave Port Canaveral daily.

**Titusville**, at the Space Coast's northern tip, characterizes the ever-changing atmosphere in Brevard County. Recreational facilities provide year-around swimming, water skiing, and power boating in the area's waterways.

**Camping facilities** for day or overnight visits are nearby at several local parks and beaches. Some of them are:

**Fox Lake Park (Titusville)** boasts fresh water fishing, riding trails, a boat ramp, as well as playground and picnic areas.

**Jetty Park (Port Canaveral)** provides restrooms, showers and an excellent fishing reef in addition to their swimming and surfing.

**Long Point Park (20 miles south of Melbourne)** offers fresh and salt water fishing, water sports, playground and picnic areas, and camping sites with electric and water hookups.

**Wickham Park (Melbourne)**, with its two sandbottom lakes, offers horseback riding, complete camping facilities, and archery in addition to fresh water swimming. Hunters enjoy nearby game management areas. Deer, wild hog, quail, duck and doves are just some of the species available to hunt.

Sports fans look forward to horse, dog and auto racing, college and pro football, pro soccer, rodeos, wrestling, pro baseball training camps, surfing festivals, ski shows, hydroplane races and wind surfing within the Daytona area.

# Gainesville Recruiting Company

In Gainesville, a “windshield tour” through a 160-acre residential district illuminates architectural styles dating back to 1875. Museums, nature centers and historical sites in this area are of particular significance, including the home of Pulitzer prize winning novelist Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, who was attracted to this timeless landscape in the 1920’s. She settled in Cross Creek to pen *The Yearling*, the timeless coming-of-age story of a local “cracker” boy and his family. Gainesville is also the home to the University of Florida.



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# Gainesville Area Attractions

THE COMPANY AREA SUPPORTS NUMEROUS PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, SPRINGS, AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES. SEVERAL FESTIVALS AND SPORTING EVENTS ARE HELD EACH MONTH MAKING THE AREA A VERY EXCITING PLACE TO LIVE

**LAKE ALICE** - ONE LOOK AT LAKE ALICE ON THE FLORIDA CAMPUS WILL TELL YOU WHY THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA ATHLETIC TEAMS ARE CALLED GATORS. NUMEROUS ALLIGATORS RESIDE IN THIS LARGE LAKE AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY. LOVELY BOTANICAL GARDENS GRACE THE EAST SIDE.

**KANAPAHA BOTANICAL GARDENS** - THE 62-ACRES CAN BEST BE DISCOVERED FROM ITS MILE-LONG WALKING TRAIL THAT GUIDES VISITORS THROUGH A VARIETY OF PLANT LIFE INCLUDING HERB GARDENS, LILY PONDS, DESERT CACTUS, AND BAMBOO FORESTS.

**NORTHEAST COMPLEX OF GAINESVILLE** - NORTHEAST PARK HOUSES PICNIC AREAS, GRILLS, PLAY-GROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, POOL, TENNIS COURTS, AND A RECREATION CENTER. IN ADDITION, A 2.5-MILE RUNNING TRAIL IS PROVIDED.

**DIAMOND SPORTS PARK** - THE PARK, COVERING 18 ACRES, OPERATES EIGHT FIELDS FOR BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL, A SOCCER FIELD, AND AN AUTOMATIC BATTING CAGE.

**O'LENO STATE PARK** - THE NATURAL BRIDGE AND SINKHOLES OF THE SANTA FE RIVER HIGHLIGHT THE DEEP HARDWOOD FOREST OF HISTORIC O'LENO STATE PARK. THERE ARE SCENIC SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR PICNICKING AND 30 MILES OF HIKING TRAILS RUN THROUGH THE WOODS AND ACROSS THE SWAMPS. TRAILS FOR HORSEBACK RIDING AND MOUNTAIN BIKING, FISHING, AND CANOEING ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

**PAYNES PRAIRIE STATE PRESERVE** - BISON, WILD HORSES, ALLIGATORS, AND NEARLY 300 OTHER KINDS OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS INHABIT THIS VAST 22,000-ACRE PRESERVE. BICYCLING AND HIKING ARE POPULAR ALONG PAYNES PRAIRIE'S MANY ROADWAYS AND TRAILS. BOATING IS AVAILABLE AT LAKE WAUBURG AND CAMPING AND PICNIC FACILITIES ARE NEARBY.

**ALEXANDER SPRINGS** - KNOWN FOR ITS WIDE, SANDY BEACHFRONT AND ITS CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER. SNORKELING, SCUBA DIVING, AND CAMPING ARE AVAILABLE. THE SPRING PUMPS 80 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER DAILY INTO A POOL THAT IS 200 FEET ACROSS.

**DEVIL'S DEN** - THE GORGEOUS SPRING IS ENTERED BY GOING DOWNSTAIRS THROUGH AN UNDERGROUND CAVERN. THE SPRING, THE ONLY KNOWN PREHISTORIC DIVING SPOT IN FLORIDA, IS USED BY SCUBA DIVERS WHILE SWIMMERS ENJOY AN ADJACENT LAKE AND A SWIMMING POOL. CAMPING, PICNICKING, HORSEBACK RIDING AND VOLLEYBALL ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

**GINNIE SPRINGS** - POPULAR WITH SCUBA DIVERS BECAUSE OF ITS VAST NETWORK OF UNDERWATER CAVES, GINNIE SPRINGS INCLUDES EIGHT SPRINGS, THE MOST POPULAR OF WHICH ARE GINNING SPRINGS, DEVIL'S EYE, AND DEVIL'S EAR. CANOES, SNORKEL EQUIPMENT, AND TUBES CAN BE RENTED. SCUBA INSTRUCTION, CAMPING, VOLLEYBALL, AND PICNIC FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

# Savannah Recruiting Company

Savannah is a wondrous place to relax by the seashore, play golf and tennis, and enjoy seafood with a delicious Savannah flair. At Tybee Island, a half-hour from the city, long strands of hard-packed sands are skirted by a gentle Atlantic surf. Cast your fishing lines from the beach and tidal creeks, and stalk the big trophies in a deep-sea fishing boat. At the Tybee Island Museum, you'll discover a king-size horde of treasures and climb a lighthouse that has stood guard since 1867. Far from the beach a young West Point engineering graduate named Robert E. Lee helped design Fort Pulaski National Monument. In the summer of 1996 Savannah's shoreline was the setting for Summer Olympic Yachting Events. Savannah's resort hotels and fine public parks invite you to indulge your passion for golf and tennis, jogging and swimming. You may also watch the world go leisurely by from the veranda of a historic inn and bed-and-breakfast guesthouse.



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# Savannah Area Attractions

**Hinesville** (Liberty County): Home of Fort Stewart. Hinesville is the county seat of historic Liberty County. Descendants of the early Puritans of Dorchester, Massachusetts settled the county in 1754. Shopping, churches, and community facilities are spread throughout the county.

**Claxton** (Evans County): Located 34 miles northwest of Fort Stewart on Georgia Highway 301. Claxton is world famous for its fruitcake. Shopping, churches, and community facilities are spread throughout the county.

**Savannah** (Chatham County): Located 41 miles northeast of Fort Stewart. Savannah is known as the **Cradle of Georgia**. It was the first planned city of North America. Savannah is a place of unique beauty and Old World charm. Historic sites are well marked. Tours are mapped out for ease and convenience to visitors. The Visitor Center is a restored railroad station at 301 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Besides the usual collection of maps and folders, the Center offers a show portraying Savannah's beginnings as the center of England's thirteenth colony in the New World. Savannah is home to Savannah State College in Thunderbolt Community and Armstrong State College on Abercorn Street Extension.

**Savannah Beach** (Chatham County): Known locally as Tybee Island, Savannah Beach offers swimming, fishing, boating, and other outdoor activities.

**Jekyll Island**: Located 10 miles off Atlantic Ocean Beach, it's the home of the restored Jekyll Island Historic District as well as a fascinating variety of sights and recreation. Once an outpost supporting the English at Fort Frederica, Jekyll Island became the private winter getaway for the world's wealthiest families from 1886 until 1942. In 1947 it was sold to the State of Georgia.

**Brunswick** was a colonial outpost that grew to become a Victorian town of great charm and beauty. Today it is a busy port city proclaimed as the Shrimp Capital of the World.

**Saint Simons Island** is graced both with historic remnants of earlier eras and an abundance of resorts that offer virtually every kind of vacation enjoyment.

**Sea Island**, until 1920, was a lonely strip of forest and beach, but today it has become the home to guests and residents who seek luxury amid coastal beauty.

**Little Saint Simons Island** is reached by boat or plane from St. Simons Island. The island was for many years a private retreat, and almost all of its 12,000 acres remains untouched wilderness. It is a perfect setting for secluded vacationing or just appreciating the full wonders of nature.

# Valdosta Recruiting Company

Valdosta, one of Georgia's most southern cities, lies just 18 miles north of the Florida border. It is a progressive city that preserves its cultural heritage while it looks toward the future. Superb recreation and a high quality of life are additional factors in the area being selected as a vacation, living, or business location. The south Georgia climate is moderate year-round. Mean temperatures range from 49.8 degrees in January to 80.2 in July. Even in winter, never a week goes by that you can't play golf in short sleeves. Snow is a rarity. Rainfall measures about 48.7 inches per year. Spring in Valdosta is particularly memorable. Vibrant azaleas grace the city's manicured lawns, public parks, wide streets and antebellum homes. Valdosta's climate, natural resources and superior facilities provide splendid recreational opportunities for all ages. Among the most popular outdoor activities are hunting, fishing, golf, water-skiing and tennis. In addition, more than 100 civic, fraternal and service organizations meet regularly, bringing together people with similar interests and hobbies.



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# **Valdosta Area Attractions**

**Andersonville, Georgia** - Civil War prison site and historic area.

**Columbus Historic District** - An area of century old restored homes.

**Historic Columbus Foundation** - For tours, phone (912) 322-0756.

**Little White House**, Warm Springs, Georgia - Franklin D. Roosevelt's summer home.

**Callaway Gardens**, Pine Mountain, Georgia - 2,500 acres of gardens, lakes, bicycle and hiking trails, golf, tennis and water ski shows.

**Atlanta, Georgia** - Attractions far too numerous to list, about a four hour drive.

**West Point Lake**, West Point, Georgia - Camping, fishing, boating, pre-teen fishing pond, and picnicking facilities.

**Stone Mountain**, near Atlanta - Skylift, wildlife trails, ice skating, riverboat ride, and a spectacular laser show at night.

**Six Flags over Georgia**, near Atlanta - large amusement park.

**Uchee Creek Recreational Area**, Alabama side of Fort Benning - canoes, picnics, fishing, boat ramp, and bait store.

**White Water**, Exit 113 off I-75, Marietta, Georgia - water slides for kids and adults.

**Auburn University**, Auburn, Alabama - Football, basketball, baseball and numerous other intercollegiate activities.

**Providence Canyon State Park**, near Lumpkin, Georgia - Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon", picnicking and hiking.

**Chehaw Wild Animal Park**, Albany, Georgia - picnicking, animals in their natural habitats.

**Roosevelt State Park**, Pine Mountain, Georgia - Pine Mountain Trail, camping, swimming, hikes, nature tours/classes.